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FILMS ON RUSSIA'S LAST TSAR AND WWII SKI CORPS PREMIERE AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

(Cleveland, Ohio) The Cleveland Museum of Art presents the Cleveland premieres of two unusual films during early April. On Sunday, April 6 at 1:30 is *Fire on the Mountain*, an inspiring portrait of the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army, an elite WWII ski corps whose members went on to a fascinating variety of post-war successes. Then on Friday, April 11 (in a special Friday evening showing) the museum presents *The Last Days of the Last Tsar,* a Russian film that is part documentary, part dramatization. Says film program coordinator John Ewing: "We're proud to be able to offer two Cleveland premieres in one week, and we're especially pleased that one film—*The Last Days of the Last Tsar*—happens to relate (albiet somewhat morbidly) to the museum's current *Fabergé* exhibition." Admission $5, CMA members $4.

Sunday, April 6, 1:30 *Fire on the Mountain* (USA, 1995, color/b&w, 72 min.) directed by Beth and George Gage. Inspiring portrait of the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army, an elite ski corps that fought the Nazis during WWII. Among the members of this group were David Brower, the first executive director of the Sierra Club; Paul Petzoldt, chief instructor in America's first Outward Bound program; and Bill Bowerman, cofounder of Nike. Cleveland premiere. $4 CMA members, $5 others

Friday, April 11, 7:30 *The Last Days of the Last Tsar* (Russia, 1992, 35mm, English voiceover, 109 min.) directed by Anatoli Ivanov. The exile and execution of Nicholas II and his family are vividly portrayed in this poetic film that mixes documentary footage with dramatic reenactments. Based on diary entries and intimate correspondence between Nicholas and Alexandra, and shot on actual locations where events occurred. Ohio premiere. $4 CMA members, $5 others

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